



Georgia On My Mind

Newsletter of the ARRL Georgia Section

April / May 2023 Upcoming Events Update



4/29-30 - Gwinnet HamCram - General Exam

<https://www.gars.org/gars/>

4/29 - Savannah Area Swap Meet & Card Check

4/29-30 - N1D / UGA / Athens RC Event

5/13 - Gwinnet County FoxHunt

5/13 - Forsyth Tailgate/Swap Meet

<https://barnesvillega.net/forsyth-georgia-ham-tailgate-and-swap-meet/>

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Savannah Area Swap Meet, Hamfest & Card Checking

Savannah Hilton Head Regional Airport Recreation Building, Crossroads Parkway
Savannah, GA 31401

Website: http://coastalamateurradiosociety.net/wpW4LHSblog/?page_id=1155

Sponsor: Coastal Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 442.70 no tone

Public Contact: Lowell Rieger, NY4D

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Amateur Radio General License Ham Cram 2-day Class, Lawrenceville, GA

Saturday 4/29/2023 and Sunday 4/30/2023;
8:00am to 4:00pm each day, exams start at
4:00pm Sunday (this is a CLOSED exam session,
only open to registered students of the class).

EAA 690 Hangar, Gwinnett County Airport – Briscoe Field, 690 Airport Rd, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

To register for our 2-day HamCram Class, use our registration form on <http://gars.org>. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. No Walk-ins accepted. This fee is non-refundable. Our \$25 fee covers the class and lunch both days, and the exam fee for the exam given Sunday at 4:00pm. Lunch will be brought in to save time.

We will be using the Ham Radio School General License Study Guide for this class. You can purchase the study guide locally at Ham Radio Outlet in Doraville, or purchase the book online at HamRadioSchool.com.

We encourage you to at least look over the material in a study book and take some practice tests. We will go over every question in the question pool during the class, but remember that the test will only be 35 multiple choice questions. If you get 26 out of the 35 questions correct, you will pass the test. We suggest that you take some practice tests prior to the class to familiarize yourself with the question format and some of the material. Go to our exam page for sample online tests towards the bottom.

Athens Radio Club



**Athens and UGA Radio Clubs - Saturday morning, 29Apr23
until after lunch on Sunday, 30Apr23.**

The Athens Radio Club, in conjunction with the UGA Amateur Radio Club, will be hosting the 2nd Annual N1D event. Due to construction at Sanford Stadium this spring, we are not allowed access to the stadium, but will instead be operating between Tate Center and UGA Bookstore, in the shadows of the stadium, at [The Tate North Lawn](#).

Thank you to the UGA ARC for securing the location, and for helping to promote the event.

May 13, 2023

Forsyth, GA Ham Tail Gate & Swap Meet Saturday May 13, 2023

<https://barnesvillega.net/forsyth-georgia-ham-tailgate-and-swap-meet/>

This event will again be held in Forsyth, Georgia at the Monroe County Recreational Complex at 100 Dan Pitts Drive, which is just off of I-75 exit 188, across the interstate from the GPSTC training center.

The event will run from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm with the park opening up at 8:00 am. Some Food/Drinks will be available for purchase. This is a very nice complex with plenty of parking for all attendees. No alcohol or pets are permitted in the complex. Please bring your own tables if necessary. Electricity will be available at the adjacent Pavilions #3 & #4 for any testing of equipment, with limitations.

Talk-in will be on the Barnesville repeater, 147.225, no tone. Round up your treasures and attend this event!

Tim can be reached at 770-358-2789 or N5FBI@ARRL.NET

Coastal Plains ARC Foxhunt May 13, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Our Foxhunt was such a success last year we are planning to do it again on May 13th, 2023. This event is not limited to CPARC members, others are encouraged to participate. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the EOC in Tifton for a short meeting and then teams will be assigned a starting location. Teams will depart to randomly assigned start points at about 9:15 AM and the Fox will start transmitting at 9:30 AM. Teams will be allowed two hours to find the fox. We will then meet at the Tift Regional Ham Station for a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs provided by CPARC.

If you plan to attend, please register at this link so we will know how much food to buy. <https://forms.office.com/r/EeyCc3ywxH>

The addresses for the two locations are below.

Foxhunt starting point.
Tift County EOC, 316 West 2nd Street, Tifton, GA

Lunch
Tift Regional Ham Station, 1619 Tyson Ave, Tifton

If you need more information, please email me at w4ghw@arrl.net.

Gwinnett Co. Fox Hunt May 13 @ 9:00am

We'll start at Harbins Park (the FOX DEN) where we'll gather initially to mingle, exchange stories and make some announcements about the hunt. We'll have folks on-site to give instructions for those desiring an introduction by learning with some basics first, or for those just wishing to participate on a smaller scale. After that, you can seek out a second hidden training transmitter to test your skills.

For those after a greater challenging, MAMA FOX is out there, miles away looking for her lost pup. Please help her first by locating her yourself. Once you find her, she'll instruct you as to where she last saw Junior. Help find her lost PUP, re-uniting this family. At about 9:15, we'll announce the MAMA FOX Frequency, and those wishing to take on that challenge, can go ahead and start your horses...ah, giddy up for the hunt.

At this time, we'll start the instructions for those staying in the park, after which, we'll set you out to find an additional transmitter for you to find on your own. Our hopes are that hunts like this will inspire others to hold their own hunts around the metro area in various counties.

Minimal equipment:

- An HT with a signal strength meter and detachable antenna for in-park hunting.
- A directional antenna (with some gain) and an HT with a signal strength meter for outside the park hunting.

Suggested equipment:

- 4 MHz Offset Attenuator – this can allow you to get really close to the source by attenuating the signal enough to make the various techniques work better. (See: <https://www.arrowantennas.com/main/4ofha.html>)

We hope to have a great turn out where everyone can see old friends, check & test your skills. And above all, have a great time with the Ham Community.



Joe Biddle - AD4PZ (Gwinnett),
Jim Sorenson - KA4IIA (Rockdale),
Tim Lemmon - WK4U (Fulton)